

REMARKS

There remains pending in this application claims 1-16, of which claims 1, 8, 12, 13 and 14 are independent. No claims have been added or cancelled.

Applicant has carefully reviewed the claims in light of the objections under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(a) and have amended those claims to improve upon their clarity and place them in proper form. In so doing, Applicant has clarified the distinction among the detection means in claims 1, 2, and 3 wherein now it is more clear that the first detection means in claim 1 corresponds to a coherent-backscattering-of-light receiving element 3, the second detection means in claim 2 corresponds to a specularly-reflected-light-receiving element 2 and the third detection means in claim 3 corresponds to a diffusely-reflected-light-receiving element 5. Applicant has amended the other claims so as to be consistent with claims 1, 2, and 3.

Applicant respectfully submits that this application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and early passage to issue of this application is respectfully sought.

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